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Hello,

I would like to comment on the DOJ settlement with Microsoft. I am a software developer and manager. I am writing to say the judgment against Microsoft needs to be strictly enforced, and to punish the company for their past monopolistic acts.

The proposed final judgment allows Microsoft to continue to keep competing operating systems from being sold by OEMs. The specific practice of modifying the computers boot sector when installing all Microsoft operating system makes building a dual boot system very difficult. The Microsoft product will hide the location of other operating systems, like Linux, when the Microsoft operating system is installed.

This is the equivalent of saying, if you use our product, you can use no other. Please be fair and rule for true competition in the future.

Thanks,
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